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SUBJ: OPPOSITION QUESTIONS ROKG ABOUT GULF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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1. ACCORDING TO NDP DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER PAK PYONG-HYO THE OPPOSITION QUESTIONED ADMINISTRATION ABOUT GULF OIL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS DURING MAY 19 CLOSED DOOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERPELLATIONS. PAK SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND TOLD ASSEMBLY THAT SINCE DRP FINANCE CHAIRMAN KIM SONG-KON IS DEAD TRUTH OF ALLEGATION WILL NEVER BE KNOWN.

2. PAK NOTED THAT THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT IN SEOUL POLITICAL CIRCLES ABOUT TRUTH OF STORY. HE SAID THAT STORY IS INDICATION TO MOST THAT OTHER FOREIGN COMPANIES PROBABLY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT PARTY AS WELL. PAK OBSERVED THAT WHILE POLITICALLY SOPHISTICATED NOT SURPRISED AT STORY AND REALIZE AUTONOMY U.S. COMPANIES, AVERAGE KOREAN MAY CONSIDER CONTRIBUTIONS POLITICAL ACT CONDONED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: ROKG IS FOLLOWING SCENARIO OUTLINED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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RED B OF PLACING RESPONSIBILITY ON DECEASED KIM SONG-KON. ALTHOUGH ROKG PROTESTATIONS THAT THEY CANNOT ESTABLISH TRUTH OF STORY WILL SURELY BE DOUBTED, CONSTRAINTS OF EMERGENCY MEASURE NINE

WORKING TO PREVENT OPPOSITION FROM USING ISSUE
OUTSIDE ASSEMBLY FLOOR.
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